

## CALVARY CONNECTION

October 2022

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# We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of:

Joanne Clevenger Michael Sisson Johnny Poole

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

OCTOBER!!!! This is a time of transition as we move from summer to fall and there will be beautiful leaves to gaze upon and crisp mornings to invigorate your spirit. One of my former administrative assistants said that the reason I liked October was because it had bosses' day, pastor appreciation day, and my birthday all in the same month!!

In the church, by the first of October, most of the ministries and programs of the church that have been on vacation with everyone for the summer are back in full swing. The UM Men and UM Women are meeting again, the youth are back together, John 3:16 will be meeting regularly, the choir is back to leading the music on Sunday mornings, and the handbell choir will be performing in worship.

We also have a flurry of administrative activity as we are preparing for Church Conference (November 16<sup>th</sup>). That means we are setting budgets, recruiting leaders, and planning ministries, programs, and activities for 2023. While this isn't the beginning of a new year, in many ways it is – it is the beginning of another school year and the beginning of another year in the life of the church (officially that begins with Advent in November, but in many practical ways, it begins in the fall).

So, maybe this is a good time to rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of godliness. Perhaps we could use this season as a time to reconnect with Almighty God. Maybe we have been on vacation from our daily scripture reading and devotions—you know, we just kind of got out of the habit with the vacation atmosphere of summer. Perhaps our prayer time has been relegated to a few moments

before we run out the door to start our day or a few moments as we drift off to sleep. It could be that our worship attendance has been sporadic at best since we were traveling so much this summer.

In the Bible, we get a picture of how the earliest disciples lived their lives in community. Acts 2:42-47 says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possession and goods and distribute to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Devoted themselves. Day by day. Spending much time together. And, day by day, the Lord added to their number.

First, let me say thank you. Many of you have been faithful to your spiritual disciplines all summer and you remain faithful; each day praying and reading scripture and reflecting on God's Word while attending worship regularly and worshipping God by serving others and living out your faith. You are an encouragement to me and others and your Christ-like life is a testament to your faith.

But I want to use this opportunity to remind all of us that the Christian life is not just an add-on to the life we are living. It cannot be just adding a little Jesus to our routine. The Christian life, living as a disciple of Jesus Christ, should affect and influence and dictate every aspect of life. Your faith should determine how you spend your time and how and where you spend your money. It should determine how you speak and how you make decisions (every decision). When our worldview is grounded in

our faith in the God that we know as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we should desire to know more about that God through the reading of God's Word and in prayer to that same God. We should be connected to God's people in a community of faith. But most importantly we should endeavor to be grounded in and abiding in Christ—connected to Jesus. Not so much knowing more about Jesus as knowing Jesus—which means spending time with Jesus in scripture reading, bible study, small formation groups, service, prayer and worship.

As the leaves begin to change colors this month, perhaps we can use that as a reminder that we might need to "fall" in love with Jesus all over again. Where might you re-connect with Christ? Do you need to start back to worship? Daily prayer? Daily scripture reading? Serving God by serving others? All of us have room for improvement. I pray that our life hidden in Christ is as colorful as the autumn landscape!

Grace and peace, Pastor Steve

### BE PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

Worship is supposed to be participatory with each person contributing to the worship of Almighty God. One way that you can participate more fully, is to come to Sunday worship prepared and expecting God's presence. To assist your preparation, read and reflect on these scriptures and themes the entire week before worship:

Oct 2 – A Faith Passed Down – 2 Tim 1:1-14

Oct 9 – Living In Exile – Jer 29:1,4-7

Oct 16 - Humility - Luke 18:9-14

Oct 23 – Children's Sabbath

Oct 30 - Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10

#### **CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

www.calvaryunitedmethodistchurch.com

### **Invite Someone to Worship!**

Take a look at this article from the Lewis Center: Who might you invite to worship? Simple invitation without any shaming or guilt trips!

One Invitation Away from Returning - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

# den's Fellowship

## **United Methodist Men**

Calvary UM Men will be meeting on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered

dish and join in the fellowship.

## **United Methodist Women**

#### **Deborah/Miriam Circle**

The circle will meet October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the church conference room.

Hostess is Patti Rogers and Program Leader is Patti Davis.



The Mary Martha Circle will be meeting on Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 pm at the Wallen residence. Carolyn Wallen & Gail Varney are the hostesses and will present the program.



## Your Youth Group Leaders

Thanks to the Francis family for hosting our Fall Youth Kick-off!

Hotdogs, homemade ice cream, scavenger hunt, a hayride, and so much fun!
We invite 1st-12th graders to join us starting next Sunday for youth choir 5:30-6pm and

Younger Youth – Hilary Groves 532-7648 M&M's - Ashley Hosaflook 786-0046 High School-Jimmy Groves 372-8768 Tina Cunningham 372-3852



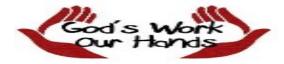
Youth Group 6-7pm!

All Saints Day is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament

meaning of all Christian people of every time and place....

All Saints Day is

November 6 and we will be remembering those that passed away since October 2021. Please share those names with the church office. We do not want to overlook anyone.



## **Mission Updates:**

MATTHEW 25:40 Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters you did for me.



John 3:16 Fellowship started back with a covered dish meal and Jeopardy game in September. The next Calling All Seniors! gathering will be October 18th at 3:16 pm. This is for

those of you that are retired or just wish you were and would like some fun and fellowship. We would love to have you join the group.

## **Prayers and Squares Ministry**

The Prayers and Squares group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of 🖳 the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. And, on as needed times if they have



special projects. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please call Joyce Davis at 372-4555.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been knitting shawls at home during this pandemic. People knit/crochet shawls and lap

robes for many reasons, to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. They may also be knit/ crocheted to celebrate life and its milestones. The reasons to knit/crochet a shawl or lap robe are as numerous as the people who knit/crochet them. If you can knit or crochet (or would like to learn) and are interested in this mission, please contact Faye Milhoan or call the church office at 304-372-3203. Get those needles creating.

-ODDE	YIIHQ	Food Pantry Ministry Annual Statistics		
	2019	2020	2021	
# HH	2,568	2,987	1,858	
# Individuals	8,290	9,179	5,514	
Total lbs.	122,106	124,344	71,195	

Month	YTD Monthly			
	Households	Individuals		
January	157	497		

February	167		477		
March	172		509		
April	168		449		
May	125		378		
June		108	336		
July		98	299		
August		130	371		
September		135	413		

## The following items are needed on a daily basis to support the church food pantry:

Chicken & Beef	Canned Corn		
Broth	Dried Beans		
Mac & Cheese	Canned Green Beans		
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Meat		
Spaghetti Sauce	Spam		
Spaghetti	Treet		
Elbow Macaroni	Tuna		
Soups	Chicken		

Monetary donations are also needed ...it enables us to fill-in (buy) food when supplies are low in any

Thank You Volunteers for helping with the Ripley Library Food pickup (Friday 4:30 pm or Saturday Morning).

## Oct 2022 Food Pick Up Schedule



	7 <sup>th</sup>	Senior
High	Class	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Smith
	<b>21</b> st	Connie Waybright
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas Skeen

## **Food Pantry Ministry**

September Report

Our number of households and individuals served continues to increase. Also, we are having to purchase more food as food donations from USDA, Walmart, Kroger, and individuals are down significantly from this time last year.

We like to thank Grass Lick Baptist and Fairplain Union for their financial support during September. Also, Ripley Library, Walmart, Kroger, Fruth, and Centennial Church for their food donations during September.

During September we brought in 4,507 lbs. of food, 2,465 lbs. was donated and 2,042 lbs. was purchased.

Food donations included 974 lbs. from USDA, 190 lbs. from Kroger, and 1,108 lbs. from Walmart. We purchased \$1,374 of food from Kroger, \$360 from Walmart and \$1,247 of food from Mountaineer Food Bank.

We served 135 households or 413 individuals.



# Wee Read and Feed Calvary's Book Mission

"Wee Read and Feed" is flourishing now with many new books to give to children of the Food Pantry families.

Friends and family of Mrs. Eileen Kerwood donated funds to honor her memory with her passing May 31 of this year.

Four boxes of Scholastic books were also donated in memory of Mrs. Kerwood. Two boxes were given to children who came to the Jackson County Fair kitchen and two boxes were given to the children of our Food Pantry families as requested by the donor. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

We were able to give 77 books to children during the Food Pantry September 22. We have many babies and toddlers and we want to support the children as they recover from time lost in the classroom.

We thank God for all these blessings.

## Nicaragua Clinic update:

Calvary held the Golf Tournament on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Close to \$2,000.00 was raised for the clinic.

Winners were, Greg Varney's team with Keith Burdette's team second. Ryan Ruben had the longest drive, Pastor Steve was closest to the pin, and Grayson Rothrock won the under 12 putting contest.

In August the clinic was getting "Showers of Blessings"- had a leak in the roof and it was raining in the clinic. The men of the church were able to make the repair and we donated \$300 to cover the repair supplies.

A Trifold brochure of the clinic Mission has been made - including pictures. They are located on table outside of the church office.

We will be having a covered dish dinner and AUCTION on 10/23 with proceeds to clinic. Hope to see you there.

The clinic continues to see 15-30 patients a week. It is the rainy season, so they are seeing a lot of flu and pneumonia. Please continue to pray for this mission as they help many people in the community that would otherwise not receive care. But, also, as they share the gospel of Jesus Christ with each patient.

Debbie Templin

## **College Student Addresses**

We have collected the mailing addresses for our college students. Please use these to send cards and notes of encouragement. The list is on the table by the church office.



## **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Our annual church conference will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at Epworth UMC at 6:30pm as part of a parish-wide conference chaired by Rev. Loretta Isaiah, District Superintendent. Please make plans to attend!!!



Just a reminder to please get your meeting requests to Kathy Marlow so she can record them on the calendar. Thank You



The "Waller in the Holler" fund raiser scheduled for nas been postponed to

October 1 has been postponed to October 8 due to approaching weather. Hope to see you on October 8.

## ADOPT - A-FAMILY

Almost time for Adopt-a-Family. We will be collecting items and will start with cleaning products and laundry detergent. These can be

placed in the tote in the back of the sanctuary or in the Travelers classroom.



We will be having our Harvest Dinner and Nicaragua Auction on October 23. This will be covered dish dinner followed by the Auction. You won't want to miss the fun and fellowship as Becky & Terry Tucker will be our emcees for the evening. This evening always proves to be entertaining.

We are accepting **NEW items and slightly used items** Please only donate items that you would want to buy (not to be used as a closet cleanout) and **homemade craft items**.

If you are able to donate an item please contact Debbie Templin or the church office and indicate the item. A running list of donations will be listed in the bulletin.

Mark your calendar and thank you for your support.

#### Items donated so far:

RING doorbell system
Quilted Table runner
Christmas Wreath
Collection of WWII Paperbacks-

"The Things Our Fathers Saw"

Homemade woodwork table

Hand painted vase

Pampered Chef Air Fryer (used 1 X)

Kate Spade purse- new

Handmade Walking stick

Misc. Craft donation

Mary Martha Products donation

Grand Champion JCJF Smores Pie

Grand Champion July 4th Apple Pie

Pfalsgraf 9 Place Setting & Accessories

Ladies "Old School" Huffy Bicycle w/basket

1 Fresh Cut Pine Wreath

Peanut Butter Fudge

Dyson Stowaway Canister Vacuum

1080p Wireless Smart Security System

3/4" Curling Iron/wand

Canned Grape Juice

Old Fashioned Lemon Cake

Vera Bradley Beach Towel/Blanket

Pittsburgh Steelers VS Saints Football Tickets – Nov 30

Assorted Gift Card Basket

Pottery Bowl

Hand Made Wooden Item

A Basket with: 4 Fiesta Mugs &

4 Quilted "Mug Rugs"

Pound Cake 40" Quilted Wall Hanging No Bake Cookies Lemon Cake Watercolor Picture White Sofa Purkeys Pepperoni Rolls

## STAY CONNECTED

Just in case you haven't heard the awesome and exciting news, we have our own app for mobile devices!!! That's right, you can download our free app for your mobile device and have direct access to live service streaming, the bulletin, newsletters, prior sermons, the website, the directory, easy and secure giving, and much more! download it on Roku or share it with any smart TV and watch services on your TV. We can also send "push notifications" to keep everyone informed about important events, even at the last minute. So, be sure to mark your app to allow notifications. I think that as we move forward and you begin to get acquainted with the app, you will wonder how we ever got along without it!! This is going to be a great way for us as a church family to stay connected and I hope that you will download the app soon. Here is the link for you iPhone and Apple users:

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/calvary-umc-ripley-wv/id1622130385

And if you have an Android or use Google Play Store use this: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/a p p s / d e t a i l s ?">https://play.google.com/store/a p p s / d e t a i l s ?</a> <a href="mailto:id=com.subsplashconsulting.s">id=com.subsplashconsulting.s</a> <a href="mailto:X78P8B">X78P8B</a>

If you have any questions or need help with the app, please contact Jeremy Rhodes, Jessica Isner, or Pastor Steve!



Keep looking for more information on a very busy

Sunday October 30 coming up. Plans are being made for the Fall Festival, Trunk or

# Treat and the Blessing of the pets on this day. KEEP WATCHING. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

# INFORMATION NEEDED TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH RECORDS

YOUR NAME	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	
YOUR BIRTHDATE	
SPOUSE'S NAME	<del> </del>
SPOUSE'S BIRTHDATE	
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (D	ATE)
CHILDREN'S NAMES	
1	B/D
2	B/D
3	B/D
4	B/D
5	B/D
OTHERS LIVING IN YOUR HO	DUSEHOLD
NAME	_B/D
NAME	B/D

## FREE FLU AND COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

## **Vaccine Clinic**

WHERE: Epworth UM Church 299 N Church St. Ripley (Across from the Library)

WHEN: OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-2PM

WHAT TO BRING: Your Insurance ID Card, Photo ID and vaccination card if receiving second dose or booster for Covid-19.

No Insurance? Your Covid-19 and Flu vaccines will be covered at no cost to you!

You must wait at the clinic 15 minutes after receiving a Covid-19 shot.

The first 50 people to get Flu or Covid-19 shots will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card. Limited one per person!

Sponsored by
Community Resources Inc
and
Jackson County Health Dept.

## **Attendance for Aug 2022**

			9:00	гасероок	11:00		
Aug	7	Worship	129	214	25	Sunday School	99
Aug	14	Worship	104	230	35	Sunday School	90
Aug	21	Worship	138	228	30	Sunday School	109
Aug	28	Worship	149	273	34	Sunday School	104



## **Tithes and Offerings**

2022 Budget	\$289,188.00
Needed Each Week	\$5,561.30
Rec. Year-To-Date	\$230,054.88

## **RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD**

Time to renew Calvary UMC Food Pantry as your selection for Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are supporting the Calvary UMC Food Pantry by connecting your Kroger Rewards Card to the Food Pantry on Kroger Community Rewards Program, then it is time for you to renew that connection for the coming year. To renew, please do the following:

- 1. Go online at KrogercommunityRewards.com and click on Sign-In/Register.
- 2. Use your email address and password to sign in.
- 3. Once you are signed in, click on View Your Rewards Details.
- 4. Scroll to the bottom of your Account Summary to view your Community Rewards selection.
- 5. Select Calvary UMC Food Pantry by either typing it in or using our NPO Number which is 83824.
- 6. Make sure you get the Calvary UMC in Ripley (83824) because there are three Calvary UMC's listed.

If you have been participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program but do not have access to a computer or do not have an email account, please contact Melanie Purkey at 304-372-6910 (H) or 304-377-6339 (C). If you have not participated in the program but would like to, follow the enrollment directions in each week's church bulletin.

#### **Amazon Smile**

Help raise funds for our local mission projects. During their regular meeting on January 30, 2022, the Administrative Board approved a request to establish an account through the AmazonSmile program. This is very similar to the Kroger card program that many of you may already use. When you order from Amazon use Amazon Smile instead of simply Amazon and under your profile select Calvary United Methodist Church, Ripley, WV (make sure it is our church; there are several Calvary United Methodist churches on the list) and Amazon will send 0.5% of the purchase price to us and it will be designated for local missions through the "Tom Goad missions account."

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

The QR code has changed for online giving. Please use this barcode for your online giving through your credit or debit card or your bank account number. This can be a one time or regular transaction. You can also choose to pay the fee or have the church pay the fee.



# OCTOBER 2022 Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Doris Ocheltree, Bryan Wallen
- 2—Sandy Hopkins
- 3—
- 4—Scott Easter, Kinsley Facemyer
- 5—Avery Harris, Case Thompson
- 6—
- 7—Jack Victory, Emma Barnette
- 8—Sean Banks
- 9—Lindsey Toler, Patrick Wallen, Katelyn Fish, Brody Hersman
- 10—Jameson Groves, Emma Shockey
- 11—
- 12—Gene Groves, Annette Keller, Shae Purkey, John Victory
- 13—Jeff Cox, Russ Hunter, Doug McGrew
- 14—Harper Patterson, Ava Landis
- 15—
- 16—Ritchie Anderson, Lila Reed
- 17—Solomon Phillips
- 18—Carla Brown
- 19—
- 20—Pastor Steve Hamrick
- 21—Joah Defren, Rennie Vandeborne, Megan Geyer
- 22—
- 23—David Rothrock, Danielle Fish
- 24—Ava Bolyard
- 25—Paul Shockey
- 26—Benjamine Geyer
- 27—Janet Hall, Susan Hosaflook, Tim Showen
- 28—
- 29—
- 30—Lyndsay Cox
- 31—Jim Hunter

#### **Anniversaries**

- 3—Alex & Becky Hall
- 17—Brad & Heather Starkey
  Patrick & Jennifer Hartung
- 21—Gene & Joyce Groves

25—Ralph & Jenny Parsons Brent & Sarah Sturm 26—Joey & Keri Starcher



# Schedules For Our Church Volunteers October 2022

Worship Leader - Kare

Karen Facemyer

r 9:00 am Natalie Holcomb

11:00 am

	Nursery	<u>Acolytes</u>	Children'	Prayers of the People	Sound & Streaming	<u>Scripture</u> <u>Reader</u>
Oct 2	T a r a n Wolford & Janet Hall	Jameson Groves & Cohen Isner	K e n d r a Hersman	9:00 am Linda Waybright	Sound – Nancy Smith	9:00 a.m. Olivia Poole
				11:00 am Heather Starkey	Live Streaming – Matt Hicks	11:00 am Tom Willoughby
Oct 9	Alyssia Ruben &	Isaac Young & Ava Isner	K a r a Greathous	9:00 am Linda Waybright	Sound – T r e v o r Cummings	9:00 a.m. Olivia Poole
	J e n n y Parsons	Ava isnei	е	11:00 am Heather Starkey	Live Streaming –	11:00a.m. To m
-Oct 16	Megan Geyer & Grace	Alaina Hicks & Eliza Reed	S c o t t Greathous e	9:00 am Linda Waybright	Sound – Steve Sisson	9:00 a.m. Olivia Poole
	Matheny	Liiza Need	b	11:00 am Heather Starkey	Live Streaming – Russ Hunter	11:00a.m. To m
O c t 23	Carla Brown & Adelyn Groves	K o r i e Hersman & Jameson	Children's Sabbath	9:00 am Linda Waybright	Sound – Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 a.m. Olivia Poole
	Gioves	Groves		11:00 am Heather Starkey	Live Streaming – Russ Hunter	11:00a.m. Tom
O c t 30	Cinda Francis & Staci	Cohen Isner & Ava Isner	Hilary Groves	9:00 am Linda Waybright	Sound- Nancy Smith	9:00 a.m. Olivia Poole
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Reminder: The nursery is for ages 5 years and under. - Waybright

If you are unable to tend the Nursery as scheduled,

Starkey

please switch with someone or call Cinda Francis (273-5264)

Pre-worship Prayer Leaders: 9:00 am Linda

11:00 am Heather

## October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Younger Youth and M&M's Youth Groups SundayEvening at 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM Your Youth Group Leaders Younger – Hilary Groves 532-7648 M&M's Ashley Hosaflook		Omober Walipaning				1

2 9:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 2:00 p 4-H Evans Eagles 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir	3 11:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Justice League 6:30 p UMM 6:30 p Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi	5 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers & Squares 7:00 p Choir	6	7	8
9 9:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 2:00 pm Mary Martha 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir	10 11:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Bible Study	11 9:30 am Tai Chi 6-8:00 p Scouts	12 10:00 a Deborah/ Miriam 7:00 p Choir	<b>13</b> 9-11:00 p Food Pantry	14	15
16 9:00&11:00 am MorningWorship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir	17 11:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 3:16 p John 3:16	19 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers & Squares 7:00 p Choir	20	21 UMW Annual First UMC	Meeting So. Charleston 5-9:00 p Farm Bureau
239:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir	24 11:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Bible Study	25 9:30 am Tai Chi 4:00 p ADK Hick's Hall 6-8:00 p Scouts	<b>26</b> 7:00 p Choir	<b>27</b> 9-11:00 p Food Pantry	28	29
309:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 3:30 Discovery Circle 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:00 p Fall Festival	31 6:30 p Bible Study Ctcher	Sunday Services Church Office Open- Monday thru Friday-9:00 - Noon Traditional Service 9:00 a.m. Live Streaming Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Seeker Service 11:00 a.m.		DINNER	Worship Leaders: 9:00 am 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb	